

issue and for garnering some time this evening.

Mr. INSLEE. Well, Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for joining me this evening, and I want to make some concluding remarks basically to summarize what the science shows. And I will not be judgmental; I will just conclude with what the science is tonight as we stand here in 2004, in the concluding days of this Congress.

In those concluding days we now know, according to the best science the country has to offer, that temperatures have increased 3 to 4 degrees Centigrade, which is 6 to 7½ or 8 degrees already. In the Arctic, they will probably increase in the next century another 8 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Very dramatic global warming.

The glaciers are melting at an increasing rate, contributing fresh water to the North Atlantic. That has the capacity to perhaps shut down the currents that our current climactic situation depends on. There is diminishing lake and river ice. There is retreating and disappearing summer ice, with a 15 to 20 percent decline over the last 30 years. And the actual elimination of the summer ice cap that we have had since humans crawled out of their caves will disappear in this century.

There are rising sea levels that could raise half a meter in this century. There are ocean salinity changes which have already occurred, and those ocean salinity changes have the capacity of shutting down the halcyon cycle, which drives the currents we all depend on.

There has been increasing ultraviolet ray exposure to our children, particularly in the Arctic, for at least several decades as a result of this. Exposing them to this ultraviolet radiation can cause an increase in cancer by as much as 30 percent as a result of this phenomena. There is old-growth forest loss, and there are long-term carbon cycle changes which are too esoteric to get into.

But the bottom line is this: the Arctic climactic assessment that our government represents is the best scientific information we can possibly get has given us a wake-up call. It comes late in this congressional session, but it is a wake-up call and should be to the administration and to this Congress, to act, and to act in a way that America historically has acted when we are challenged.

In World War II, when we were challenged, we responded with the greatest burst of technological achievement perhaps in human history in the armament sector. When we were challenged in the space race, President Kennedy challenged us to go to the Moon in 10 years and bring a man home safely, and we did it. That was the second great technological innovation burst. And now we are poised for a third revolutionary burst of new technologies that can lead us out of this potentially very, very, if disastrous is too strong a word, it may be one that our grandchildren will use when they have to deal with a

climactic system that is changing before their eyes, the beginning of which we are going to see now.

We are optimistic in the belief we can deal with this problem if people here in Washington, D.C. will accept the science, read it, and act. That is the American way.

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#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2486. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, education, and other benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2965. An act to amend the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to modify the termination date for mandatory price reporting; to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McDERMOTT (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ETHERIDGE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. COLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON, for 5 minutes, today and November 17, 18, and 19.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, November 18 and 19.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, November 17.

Mr. PEARCE, for 5 minutes, November 17.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today and November 17.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 353. An act for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1042. An act for the relief of Tchisom Tho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1129. An act to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1379. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 1433. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1466. An act to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1614. An act to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1678. An act to provide for the establishment of the Uinta Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1852. An act to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2012. An act for the relief of Luay Lufti Hadad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2044. An act for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamikal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2142. An act to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2181. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2283. An act to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2314. An act for the relief of Nabil Raja Dandan, Ketty Dandan, Souzi Dandan, Raja Nabil Dandan, and Sandra Dandan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2331. An act for the relief of Fereshteh Sani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2334. An act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2408. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2526. An act to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2567. An act to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 2618. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-